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28 August 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation With Mr. Robert P. Joyce,
23 August 1951.

1. I saw Mr. Joyce of the Department of State on 23 August 1951, to clarify the current understanding concerning propaganda leaflet drops over Albania. I reminded Mr. Joyce that at a recent meeting with the Department the ban on the distribution of propaganda leaflets from the air in Albania was lifted, that a drop was authorized to deliver propaganda material representing a reply to a leaflet introduced into Albania, and that subsequent leaflet drops to be effected through our operations were to be cleared with the Department of State individually. I then explained to Mr. Joyce that the British were undertaking a series of leaflet drops in the near future and asked whether we could not assume that if we had stocks of leaflets on hand which we could deliver to the British for distribution from their planes we could consider the subsequent drops as British rather than American operations and consequently not affected by current restrictions on OPC leaflet drops. Mr. Joyce concurred in the view that operations of this type do not constitute OPC drops and that the spirit of the current restrictions is that the restrictions apply only to operations conducted through the use of OPC aircraft.

2. I then also reminded Mr. Joyce that at times we drop small quantities of leaflets in order to camouflage operational flights made for other purposes and that I assume such drops were not to be regarded as requiring individual approval by the Department. Mr. Joyce agreed.

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Chief, EE-1

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